
KASKASKIA INDIANS.

LETTER

FROM THE

ACTING SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR,

IN RELATION TO

An estimate of appropriation required for the confederated tribes of the Kaskaskias, &c., in the State of Kansas.

JANUARY 27, 1875.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

Washington, D. C., January 19, 1875.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith, for the favorable action of Congress, copy of a communication dated the 14th instant from Hon. S. S. Burdett, Commissioner of the General Land-Office, inclosing an estimate of appropriation required for the confederated tribes of the Kaskaskias, &c., in the State of Kansas.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

B. R. COWEN,
Acting Secretary.

Hon. JAMES G. BLAINE,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,

GENERAL LAND-OFFICE,

Washington, D. C., January 14, 1875.

SIR: In reply to your communication of the 26th ult., inclosing copy of letter addressed you by the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, bearing date December 22, 1874, requesting that I submit an estimate of appropriation for the sum of \$1,209.88, if this be the actual deficiency in the accounts of William Brindle, late receiver of public moneys at Lecompton, Kansas, on account of sales of trust-lands belonging to the Kaskaskias, &c., under treaty of 1854, I have the honor to submit herewith the estimate for that amount in duplicate. It appears, from the records of this Office, that there is due the United States, by William Brindle, late receiver, on account of sales of above-named lands, the sum of \$8,170.45, as exhibited per report to First Comptroller, No. 16382, dated

April 8, 1861. It also appears, from the records of the Indian-Office, that Receiver Brindle refunded to the United States Treasury, September 3, 1861, the sum of \$142.27, which reduced the amount of deficiency to \$8,028.18. On the 3d of March, 1865, Congress appropriated the sum of \$6,818.30, as held by said Brindle from sale of those lands and unaccounted for, (Stat. at Large, vol. 13, p. 547.) From the above exhibit it seems that there still remains a deficiency of \$1,209.88 due the said Indians. This difference between the amount *actually* due at the time the appropriation by Congress was granted, and the sum appropriated, is accounted for by the refundment by the honorable Secretary of the Interior of balances of funds placed in his hands for investment for the benefit of the tribes, and subsequently accounted for in the Indian-Office as proceeds from sales of the lands.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

S. S. BURDETT,
Commissioner.

Hon. C. DELANO,
Secretary of the Interior.

Estimate of appropriation required for the confederated tribes of the Kaskaskias, &c., in the State of Kansas.

For the amount of one thousand two hundred and nine dollars and eighty-eight cents, the balance still due the confederated tribes of the Kaskaskias, Peorias, Weas, and Piankeshaws, arising from the sale of their "trust-lands" by William Brindle, late receiver of public moneys at Leecompton, Kansas. \$1,209 88